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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station – 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and
Commonwealth Electric Company Residential Conservation Services
Program Budget Filing

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Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the “Department” on behalf of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company, (collectively, “NSTAR Electric” or the “Companies”), is NSTAR Electric’s petition in which approval is sought for each company’s Residential Conservation Services (“RCS”) program budget for the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 (“CY02”) pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App. §§ 2-1 *et seq.* Exhibits, as described below, supporting each company’s proposed CY02 RCS program budget are also enclosed. The exhibits are:

Exhibit 1: A description of the RCS Program.

Exhibit 2: Cost information for CY02 on a programmatic basis for Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company.

Exhibit 3: Detailed budget summaries for Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company including program budgets presented in the supplemental format requested by the Division of Energy Resources (“DOER”).

Exhibit 4: A copy of the Coalition Action Plan (“CAP”).

Exhibit 5: A copy of the NSTAR Electric specific addendum to the CAP.

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Finally, the requisite one hundred dollar (\$100.00) filing fee is also enclosed.

The Companies respectfully request the Department's approval of their CY02 budgets on or before November 30, 2001. If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please feel free to contact me at (617) 424-2103. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

John Cope-Flanagan

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